

CENT TOMATO  
LEAPS IN CAFESCenter Market Figure Goes  
Up to 1,000% and Over  
Before Eating.

## OFFICIALS SEEK CAUSE.

Justice Probers to Ask Why  
Cheap Corn on Cob  
Comes High.Wall Street Still  
Betting 2 to 1 on  
Harding Winning

New York, Aug. 27.—Odds on the Presidential election quoted in Wall Street today—based, however, on a very small volume of betting—were unchanged at 2 to 1 in favor of Senator Harding's election.

DANCER SCORNS  
TCHETA STEPSParisian Tango "Too Sta-  
tionary" for Yanks,  
Says Teacher.

"Dancing will increase in popularity this year. There is not the slightest indication that it is on the wane either here or in Paris," is the opinion of Maj. Cecil H. Taylor, president of the Imperial Society of Dancing Teachers in England. He says that the dance which seemed to attract the Parisian favor was "the tcheta"—a new tango which is performed to strains of mystic Hindu music.

"But the tcheta will never win any votes over here," he declared. "It is too stationary. Half of it consists of arm movements. The partners face each other and slowly revolve. It is not a dance, it is a fancy. It is in us all, and should be danced in public. Besides, dances should be progressive."

Major Taylor was asked what steps he regarded as objectionable. "Well," he replied, "it isn't so much the dance as the dancers. A certain type of man or woman would degrade some of our very best dances. But in the matter of adopting new steps it is only necessary to see them tried out. Personally when I am watching new steps I always ask myself 'Would I object to seeing my wife dancing that way in another man's arms?'"

"For that is what we want dancing to be—a pastime that our wives and sisters and daughters can indulge in without any misgivings to themselves or to their men folk. Dancing is an art and graceful dancing has survived throughout the ages. It is the natural healthy outlet of the joy of rhythm and motion. It is in us all, and should be esteemed rather than derided."

Complaints Lead to Inquiry.

Complaints reaching the Department from Washingtonians who think somebody is "soaking" them unfairly are to be investigated. Albany, N. Y., learned something about prices this past week when the Department hinted trouble.

"The charges made in Washington's eating places are higher today than in any other city," the United States declared one official yesterday.

Local managers defend their present scale of prices, but do not explain why tomatoes and corn on the cob are costing the diner as much now in the height of the vegetable season as in early season when wholesale prices are higher. They point out that fruits and vegetables purchased at wholesale are 20 per cent waste.

The Washington Herald investigated prices yesterday.

At Center Market tomatoes are sold to restaurants and hotels at a price of about 1 cent each. An order of sliced tomatoes, rarely a whole tomato, costs at E. B. Pines, a South-east restaurant, 10 cents; New Century, Ninth street northwest, 10 cents; Harvey's restaurant, Pennsylvania avenue, 15 cents; Childs, Pennsylvania avenue, 20 cents; Ashmore Hotel, 25 cents; Washington Hotel, (with lettuce), 60 cents; New Willard (lettuce), 60 cents; Shoreham, (lettuce), 60 cents.

Corn is now selling wholesale at the public market at from 10 to 25 cents a dozen ears.

Green corn on the cob is served in these restaurants and hotels at prices ranging from 15 cents to 25 cents. Sliced peaches, with cream, is a delicacy ranging in price from 15 cents to 75 cents per dish in the same hostilities. A half cantaloupe costs from 15 cents to 45 cents.

"There's a big spoilage in everything we purchase," declare managers. "Cantaloupes may be green as cucumbers, and peaches are forever being dumped as rubbish. If we buy fifty dozen ears of corn, we may sell twenty-five dozen, our guests rejecting the rest as too small or too tough, so we do not consider our prices exorbitant."

Managers declare as well that a fluctuating vegetable and fruit market could have little bearing on the price of the vegetable when served.

"Should the investigation come, I hope it will cut down our overhead expense," said one manager. "The real trouble is not so much in the cost of the food as in the high cost of labor, and the excessive cost of linen, of glassware, of dishes and other accessories."

But Washington wants to know what's in a tomato!

PROHIBITION AGENTS  
MAKE LIQUOR HAUL

Cumberland, Md., Aug. 27.—Federal agents raided the house of Samuel Thomas at Woodland, near Midland, this county, and found two 45-gallon barrels and one of 25-gallon capacity, filled with mash, together with a copper boiler of mash yet warm.

Thomas fled in an automobile as the raiding party approached. He formerly was prominent in Republican politics.

RAIL RATES INCREASE  
HITS APPLE GROWERS

Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 27.—Already confronted with the high price of barrels, for which they are required to pay from \$1.25 to \$1.40, apple growers in this section are faced with another serious financial situation, an increase of about 40 per cent in rail transportation rates.

This, the growers state, will practically wipe out their profits if it does not bankrupt many of them.

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Half-Million Fur Seals Homing to Pribilof Islands  
For Their Yearly Drama of Courtship and Battle

The great perennial mystery-drama of the Pacific is again being enacted as the half-million fur seals under Uncle Sam's protection-sweep leisurely north to the Pribilof Islands for their mating. Every fall, when the hint of the Polar ice comes down, the seal mothers with their new-born whelps desert the Bering. They move southward in a great arc, fattening on candle fish, following a compelling instinct. Shortly afterward the males, traveling together, also put to sea. None of them haul to land again until next summer.

Once through the passes of the Aleutian Island chain, no man knows where they go or what they do. The Pacific jealously guards the secret of that period when the proud seal matrons rear their young, and the great males take vacation from family cares.

Now out of the deep they are gathering again, sleek mermaids and their silken children, moving back to the rock, fog-hung shores where they were whelped—back from the annual Odyssey, for renewed courtship and battle, love and hate, life and death, after the manner of their kind.

The picture shows a "beach master" and his harem on the Pribilof Islands during the fur seals' "home-coming week." So strenuous are the requirements of bringing up his family and preventing intrusions of affinity-seekers that Father Seal neither eats nor sleeps during this period. Later he hauls off to sea with the other males, jealousies and feuds forgotten, while the females and the young make the long mysterious migration through Southern seas.

RED MASSACRE  
AROUSES JAPANInvestigation Shows 301  
Soldiers Killed in  
N. Kolaievsk.

The massacre of Japanese at Nikolaiievsk, Siberia, on May 12, the details of which are coming to light appears to be causing great excitement throughout Japan.

Tokyo newspapers which are devoting columns to the affair daily declare there was a divergence of views between military circles and the foreign office, the army authorities insisting on taking strong retaliatory measures against the Bolsheviks.

The navy department thinks that it is certain that all of the Japanese troops, numbering 301, after a desperate resistance, met their death. It has also been ascertained that the Bolsheviks before leaving Nikolaiievsk massacred the surviving Japanese prisoners, numbering about 100.

The government investigated reports that guns from a Chinese gunboat were trained on the Japanese garrison at Nikolaiievsk at the time of the massacre.

Farmer, 62, Thinks D. C. Laws Are O. K.  
For Some Folks, But Not for Him,  
He Does as He Pleases and Pays \$10

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Marine "Pays" \$4,000 to See City;  
Police Looking for "Friends" Who  
"Lifted Roll" With "Change" Game

"Steve" Brodie took a chance; "Dick" Canfield was something of a gambler, and those rural gentlemen who bought Brooklyn Bridge from newly found "city friends" have also come in for their share of fame. But Mac C. Mellap, discharged last Wednesday from the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., who paid \$4,000 "to see Washington" Thursday, wins in a walk.

Mac, who hails from the town of Alton, in the State made famous by those "who must be shown," arrived in Washington yesterday morning on the first lap of his trip to see the mother and sister who waited while he went overseas to help kill the Hun.

After deciding to stop over a few hours Mellap "showed his roll" at the telegraph office in Union Station when he wired \$40 to the sister and \$60 to his mother. He then acquired a "friend," who immediately set out to show him the city.

As the pair left the Union Station the guide remarked he would like to get some change for some large bills, and Mellap immediately got out his "roll" and offered to change the bills. The man took the bills, and just then a so-called sleuth entered the scene and started to arrest the men for gambling. Mellap reports the third party grabbed him and the man with the cash darted into the station. The third party started in pursuit, and before Mellap came to his earnings and "friend" were merely memories.

Detective Sgt. Ed Kelley is now pursuing the vanished earnings and present "owners."

Policeman H. H. Price remonstrated with him. "Some 'sasses' flew back and Beverly was informed he was needed at the precinct."

He swung his team into Pennsylvania avenue, still driving on the left side, while Price walked behind, keeping an eye on his prisoner. At Seventeenth street Beverly, tired of the espionage of the police, coaxed his pair of sorrels into a gallop up that thoroughfare, to the amazement of hundreds of onlookers. Price started after the aged farmer.

The team galloping and the policeman running, with his hand on his hip pocket ready for action, the pair staged their little act up Seventeenth street. Beverly careened into H street, turning east on two wheels. Price cut through an ally and the chase was practically over. Beverly was taken to the Third precinct, where it cost him \$10 to secure his freedom for the night. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

MINSK CONFERENCE  
PROGRESS SLIGHT

By S. B. CONGER.

Warsaw, Aug. 27.—The conference at Minsk as far as one can judge from the meagre reports received by the government has made little progress toward peace. The only positive development is the presentation of the first draft of the Soviet terms which are not acceptable to Poland.

The Russian delegates, disregarding the military defeat, continue to put up a bold diplomatic front as if they were still in a position to enforce peace. According to their ideas they have apparently tried to prevent the Polish representatives from learning of the change in the military situation as long as possible. A courier sent from Warsaw carrying this information probably now is in Minsk.

A second courier left last night with a copy of Prince Sapieha's note proposing a transfer of the negotiations to Warsaw or elsewhere within the Polish lines. A discussion of this proposal which it is thought here, has little chance of acceptance, probably will take place within the next two or three days.

Meanwhile the condition originally imposed by the Soviet that no armistice shall come into effect during the peace parleys is working out very much to the advantage of Poland whose armies continue to maintain the upper hand in military operations.

The Bolshevik resistance is commencing to stiffen particularly in the neighborhood of Bialystok. The Red army command is now bringing up available reserves and trying by desperate counter attacks to cover the retreat by the remnants of the northern armies and save the situation.

RENTAL RAISED  
FROM \$5 TO \$75Commission Grants Huge  
Increase on House Owned  
By Government.

In handing down decisions on the requests made by the Interior Department through Chief Clerk E. J. Ayers for an increase of the rentals of the government owned houses in the vicinity of New Jersey avenue and B street northwest, the Rent Commission Thursday increased the rent of the premises at 35 B street northwest occupied by Mrs. J. M. Barker from \$5 to \$75. This was the greatest increase allowed by the commission in the twenty-five cases determined yesterday.

Mrs. H. L. Minton, who occupies the premises at 214 New Jersey avenue northwest, and who contested her own case before the commission, taking her stand on the clause inserted in the agreements which demands the declaration of a state of peace existing between the United States and Germany as a fit basis for readjustment, was sustained in her fight by the commission which allows her present rental of \$5 per month to stand.

Mrs. Minton was the only tenant to receive the protection of this clause.

PURSE DISAPPEARS  
WITH BEDFELLOW

Salisbury, Md., Aug. 27.—Information has just been received from Sheriff Larmore and States Attorney Long, of Baltimore, stating that an automobile salesman named D. J. McCullough was robbed of \$600 while sleeping in a room at the Peninsula Hotel, this city, on Monday night.

According to reports McCullough agreed to share a room in the hotel with a stranger, owing to the crowded condition of the hotel during fair week. When McCullough arose the following morning his bed-fellow had vanished and so had his bank roll.

MAYOR GETS LEFT  
ON CITY TAX BOOK

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 27.—City officials are enjoying a discovery that Commissioner D. L. Taylor in making up the city personal property tax book omitted the assessment against Mayor Royston Jester, Jr.

When the condition was called to Commissioner Taylor's attention he went back to the assessment returns and found the mayor's return there, but close survey showed the assessment had not been included on the city book.

## Take It from Uncle Eph



MANY a woman is disappointed in not finding a burglar under her bed.

When it comes to attending to other people's business, there hain't no shortage of labor.

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3,000 CHINESE  
TROOPS REVOLTRegulars Rout Mutineers  
After Looting and Burning  
of Homes.

(Washington Herald-Public Ledger Far East Service, Special Cable Dispatch.)

Peking, Aug. 27.—At midnight Tuesday 3,000 of the troops formerly of the Fifth Brigade, but now re-enlisted in Chang Tso Lin's army, discontented, due to arrears in pay, mutinied at Tungchow, fourteen miles east of Peking, looted the shops and burned fifty houses.

At sunrise they clashed with and were defeated by Chang Kwei Ti's government regulars. The mutineers escaped to the north and west.

The east gates of Peking were closed to prevent the entry of any stragglers. Tungchow is quiet under Chang Kwei Ti troops, and Chang Tso Lin regulars are hastening to the city from Peking with the American vice consul, Clarence Spiker, and a detachment of American Marines who were dispatched to Tungchow to protect the American mission. They report that the missionaries were not molested.

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CRIPPLE FIRST  
IN DEATH CHAIRSing Sing Prisoner's Execu-  
tion Followed by That of  
Negro Asking Music.

New York, Aug. 27.—John Egan, the first cripple ever executed at Sing Sing prison, was put to death in the electric chair last night shortly before midnight for the murder of a United Cigar Stores clerk in the Bronx. Frank Kelley, a negro, who killed a white girl in a Brooklyn robbery several months ago, was electrocuted a few moments later.

Kelley had asked, Warden Lewis B. Lawes, to have some one play Chopin's funeral march on the prison phonograph as he was being lead down the death house corridor and through the little door into the death chamber, but the warden refused.

Egan died first because he had been the more composed of the two men throughout the day, and it was feared that Kelley would collapse. This difficulty, however, was easily overcome. The electrode dangles loosely by strap and wire from the electric chair, and the electricians crossed the strap under his right leg to the left.

Kelley confessed to another crime for which he says an innocent man is now serving sentence.

COLBY TO BE TOLD  
OF M'SWENEY CASE

Mrs. T. K. Corlies, of New York, director of American women pickets advocating freedom of Ireland, with Miss Helen Pinkerton, of Tacoma, Wash., and Miss Kathleen O'Brennan, will arrive in Washington this morning to place before Secretary of State Colby the case of Terrence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, MacSwiney is now on a hunger strike in Brixton prison, as a protest against British treatment.

A message received from Hannah Sheehy Skeffington, supreme court justice of the Sinn Fein republic, received yesterday, asked co-operation of recently enfranchised American women in protesting English interference in Irish affairs. This message is said to have caused the trip to renew their efforts for American intervention. Mrs. Corlies and Miss O'Brennan were in Washington on picket duty a few months ago.

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